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Native Americans and Alaska Natives have experienced a long history of lower health status when compared with other Americans, which includes a lower life expectancy and higher disease occurrence than other racial/ethnic groups due to inadequate Health Education and disproportionate poverty. The spread of the HIV/AIDS virus among Native Americans, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians poses a significant risk to the public health and well being of these communities. The status of HIV/AIDS epidemic among Native Americans, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian people is a public health crisis that requires a focused national effort as well as a tribal effort to bring attention to the prevention needs of Indigenous people and to raise awareness of the American public.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim Thursday, March 20, 2008 as National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in the County of Los Angeles and encourage all Los Angeles County residents to learn about the risks and harms associated with the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

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